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In re application of STUELPNAGEL, et al. Serial No.: 09/642,068 Filed: August 18, 2000 For COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR PREPARING OLIGONUCLEOTIDE SOLUTIONS		<b>RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT</b>

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 23, 2001. While no fee is believed due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees or other relief that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-68364-1/RMS/DCF/SNR).

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In response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement in this application, Applicants elect for further prosecution the claims of Group I, namely Claims 1-16 drawn to a method of generating a pool of oligonucleotides. This election is made without traverse. Please cancel, without prejudice, Claims 17-26 as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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